

Robinson with open arms and declare, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

I extend my deepest condolences to his mother, Ms. Lula Mae Simmons, his sister Jean Davis, and his brother, Don Ray Robinson.

RECOGNIZING THE WESTCHESTER-
PUTNAM SCHOOL BOARDS ASSO-
CIATION (WPSBA)

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association, WPSBA for 50 years of service and dedication toward improving public education in its member districts throughout the Lower Hudson Valley of New York.

Since its founding in 1962, WPSBA has helped school board members to become education leaders in their districts and the larger region. By providing training, outreach, and resources, WPSBA has worked to enhance the effectiveness of the school board members who work so tirelessly on behalf of public school students and their schools. WPSBA has also become a forum to share information and build relationships among people and organizations dedicated to public education. By carrying out its multi-faceted mission, WPSBA has strengthened the quality of education throughout Westchester and Putnam counties.

WPSBA is a forceful advocate at the local and state levels for policies that support public education. It has also demonstrated its commitment through outreach to the public and the media, shaping the conversation to ensure that issues vital to public education are considered.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the past, current and future leaders and members of the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association for their selfless commitment to public service. We wish all those involved with WPSBA a happy 50th anniversary celebration and continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING COURTNEY
KREIGHAUSER OF THE CARROLL
SENIOR HIGH TRACK AND FIELD

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Courtney Kreighauser. She is a student at Carroll Senior High School who won a state championship at the University Interscholastic League's State Championship for Track and Field.

Every year, top high school athletes in Texas compete for the opportunity to advance to the UIL's State Championship. Only the extraordinary athletes that advance from the district and regional meets are qualified to continue to the state competition held in Austin, Texas. Courtney Kreighauser from Carroll Senior High won the 5A Girls 1600 race.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all of my distin-

guished colleagues to join me in congratulating Courtney Kreighauser for her state championship title in track and field.

HONORING SUNLIGHT FOUNDATION

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise, as doth the golden orb pulled across the sky each day by the chariot of Apollo, to decry an ignominy perpetuated on this Body by the captious Sunlight Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, the Sunlight Foundation says we talk dumb. How can the House of Lincoln, Jefferson and Wilbur Mills suffer such exorciation? I deem the Sunlight Foundation's findings fatuous. There has been no deliquescence of Congressional discourse.

Speak we not of life, liberty and hockey? In the words of Francois de la Rochefoucauld, who I believe was a defenseman for the original Canucks, "True eloquence consists in saying all that should be said, and that only." So true. That is why as the elected arbiter of erudition from the 5th Congressional District, I decry the Foundation's obvious schadenfreude in our dictional dystopia. Let me repeat that word again: schadenfreude, which captures the zeitgeist of this badinage.

That is not to say there have been errors in eloquence. But soft! What F-bombs from Rahm's office breaks? His monosyllabic vocabulary evoked images of the corporeal, the priapistic and the unprintable. Alas, our words may not always dance "trippingly on the tongue," as Hamlet encourages of his players in Act III of that eponymous work.

But nor do they need to. As Bertrand Russell said, "To acquire immunity to eloquence is of the utmost importance to the citizens of a democracy." And so we do our best in pursuit of that august goal. As to the Sunlight Foundation's farcical fomentations, I leave you with the thoughts of one post-modern philosopher, known for his dialectical ruminations on the salubrious effects of fermented hops and barley.

"Facts are meaningless," notes Homer Simpson. "You could use facts to prove anything that's even remotely true!"

So if the Sunlight Foundation must lampoon our verbal buffoonery, reducing us to linguistic lummoxes, remember Cecil Terwilliger's immortal retort to his brother Sideshow Bob's comment about spending four years in clown college: "I'll thank you not to refer to Princeton that way."

H.R. 5652: SEQUESTER REPLACEMENT RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2012

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 5652, the Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act. The proposed cuts in this bill directly attack low and moderate-income Americans while protecting an excessive defense budget.

More than 40 percent of the cuts in this legislation come from programs that support low-income families. The bill abandons millions of Americans who rely on food assistance programs by making drastic cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Free School Lunch and Breakfast program, and Meals on Wheels. The bill slashes funding for the Social Services Block Grant Program, which provides more than 20 million children and seniors services ranging from protection from abuse to transitional housing. Simply put, H.R. 5652 disproportionately cuts assistance targeted to low- and moderate-income families and will only deepen the poverty that they experience and leave more of them hungry.

H.R. 5652 cuts the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) and restricts any unused funds for deficit reduction. Though initially flawed, my efforts and those of my colleagues to improve HAMP have helped to make it an essential response to the foreclosure crisis. Rather than completely eliminate it, as H.R. 5652 would do, the program should continue to be revamped to better serve the needs of the American people.

This legislation includes provisions to require that all current and future federal workers pay an additional 5 percentage points of their salary toward their federal pensions. This cut in benefits would result in an annuity that is worth approximately 40% less than is the case under existing laws. Federal workers have already endured pay freezes and large programmatic budget cuts. Congress should not be playing politics with the pensions of the thousands of hard-working federal employees that are dedicating their lives to public service.

In addition, H.R. 5652 weakens Americans' protections in the event of another financial crisis like the one that started our current recession. The bill prevents the FDIC from intervening to slow the chain reaction of investment bank failures that happens when one of the firms begins to fail, bringing the others with it because they are so closely tied together. The bill also eliminates the ability of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to fine law-breaking financial entities under its jurisdiction.

The premise behind this legislation is that we should go back on the agreement that was reached and codified in the Budget Control Act by preserving a massively bloated Defense Department with funding from Americans of greatest need. I strongly oppose this bill.

CONGRATULATING BRADY OF
GREENSBORO ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, family-owned businesses provide the structure at the core of every great community. As a result, it is necessary to recognize and celebrate the growth and success of these companies. The citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina would like to recognize Brady of Greensboro on its 50th anniversary as a North Carolina business.